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Honorable Cristina Garcia  
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
Capitol Building, Room 164  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 73 (CHIU) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Garcia:

Disability Rights California, a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, support AB 73.

AB 73 promotes affordable housing by allowing public entities (cities and counties) to pass ordinances creating housing sustainability districts with preliminary approval by the California Office of Planning and Research and by creating an entitlement for public entities with approved housing sustainability districts to zone incentive payments of unspecified amounts. This bill will encourage cities and counties to form housing sustainability districts by distributing zoning incentive payments.

California is in the midst of an affordable housing crisis and is not able to meet housing needs, especially for lower-income households. DRC has a vested interest in the creation of affordable housing because people with disabilities are often on fixed incomes and would benefit from increased access to affordable housing. AB 73 will help encourage the development of affordable housing throughout California.

For these reasons, we support this bill. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis Child". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Curtis" and last name "Child" clearly distinguishable.

Curtis Child  
Legislative Director  
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cc: Honorable David Chiu, California State Assembly  
Lisa Engel, Chief Consultant, Assembly Housing Committee  
Honorable Members, Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
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